

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 14-22 are currently pending. Claims 14-22 have been amended by the present amendment; and Claims 12-13 have been canceled. The changes to the claims are supported by the originally filed specification and do not add new matter.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 14-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

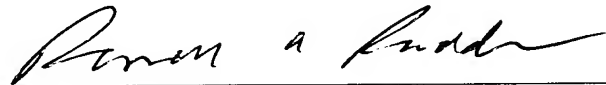
Applicant would like to express appreciation for the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 14-22 in the Office Action and her detailed expounding of method steps which in her view contain allowable subject matter.

Regarding the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Claims 14-22 have been amended to recite method steps in accordance with the allowable subject matter identified in the Office Action and expounded by the Examiner. Claims 18 and 22 have been amended to address the issue identified by the Examiner. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 14-22 has been rendered moot by the present amendment to those claims.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussion, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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